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In re the Application of

Daishi YOSHIKAWA

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For: ELECTROLYTE MEMBRANES FOR USE IN FUEL CELLS

CONSENT OF ASSIGNEE TO CHANGE OF INVENTORSHIP

Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

The Assignee, Noritake Co., Limited (by assignment filed in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on August 25, 2003), hereby consents to the change of inventorship identified in the attached documents, namely the change to add Balagopal N. Nair as a named inventor of the present application.

The undersigned hereby confirms that she has authority to sign this Consent on behalf of the Assignee.

Date: 10/31/03

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# Declaration and Power of Attorney for Patent Application

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## Japanese Language Declaration

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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name. I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

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(該当するものにチェック)  
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the specification of which  
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is attached hereto.

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and was amended on \_\_\_\_\_  
(if applicable)

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code §119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and/or any U.S. provisional application(s) listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

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私は、米国法第 35 章第 120 条に基づく下記の米国特許出願の利益を主張し、本願の特許請求の範囲各項に記載の主題が米国法第 35 章第 112 条の第 1 段落に規定の態様で先の米国出願に開示されていない限度において、先の出願の提出日と本願の国内提出日もしくは PCT 国際出願提出日の間に公表された連邦施行規則第 37 章第 1 条第 56 項に記載の重要な情報を開示すべき義務を有することを認める。

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States code, §120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, in so far as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, §112. I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56 which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

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